SUBJECT No. 108.

Appointment of Agricultural Inspectors.

Messrs. B. Sitaramaiya, Chikmagalur Taluk, and V. Raghavachar, Mysore Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—An Agricultural Inspector may be appointed for each district.

Agricultural Inspectors may be appointed to important taluks.

Reply of Government.—Yes. When funds permit.

SUBJECT No. 109.

An agricultural and industrial officer for the State.

Mr. V. Raghavachar, Mysore Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It is absolutely necessary to have an officer who will devote all his time and energy for the agricultural and industrial development of the State and instil enthusiasm into the people. Without such an officer there can be no improvement. One may be appointed early.

Reply of Government.—Yes. When funds permit.

SUBJECT No. 110.

Agricultural Colleges for the State.

Mr. Ramanujaiengar, Gubbi Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Mysore being an agricultural country and possessing soil and climatic conditions in which useful plants of all habitats can thrive, more facilities for carrying on agricultural operations on improved scientific methods by the use of machines, etc., should be created. The facilities that are at present afforded towards agriculture in Mysore are insufficient. As in Canada and Japan, a number of agricultural colleges should be opened at convenient centres throughout the State for training people in agriculture, and arrangements should be made for sending them out to lecture to the people on agriculture and the right use of agricultural implements such as Planet Junior, etc., and demonstrate their use. Prizes should also be awarded for success in modern methods of agriculture.

It may not be possible at present to have colleges of agriculture on account of the cost, but the use of improved implements and methods of production may be more widely demonstrated and trained men employed to instruct the people in agricultural practices. Elementary instruction in agriculture may also be imparted in all village schools.

Reply of Government.—Yes, as funds permit. Please refer to para 38 of the Address.

SUBJECT No. 111.

Agricultural demonstration farms at each district headquarters.

Mr. S. Ramanna, Hassan Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Improved methods in agriculture are much needed at present. As the majority of the ryots are illiterate, any amount of pamphlet publication will be of very little value to them. With a view to bring home improved methods of agriculture to them, it is now time to establish demonstration farms at each district headquarters.

Mr. Krishnamurti.—A plot of land may be attached to each hobli school and some inducement offered to hobli school masters to learn agricultural methods and train

Reply of Government.—Yes, as funds permit. This is a matter also for local agricultural associations.

SUBJECT No. 112.

Text-book on agriculture.

(*a*) Mr. K. Krishnachar, Seringapatam Taluk.
(*b*) Mr. V. Raghavachar, Mysore Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) A Kannada book on agriculture will be of advantage to zamindars. The want of such a book is badly felt.

(*b*) A book on agriculture may be published both in English and Kannada as has been done in the British Provinces. It should explain the various local methods of agriculture and the time and manner of each agricultural operation.

Reply of Government.—It is not possible for Government to undertake the publication of such a treatise. Agricultural information of much value is given in the Revenue and Agricultural Gazette and the "Vakkaligara Patrika" of the Vakkaligara Sangha. A careful perusal of the matter contained in these periodicals is sure to be profitable. Separate bulletins are also issued on agricultural subjects and it will be more useful to translate them as they are issued, than to deal with the whole subject in a single book.

SUBJECT No. 113.

Sale of coffee kharab lands.

Mr. Siddegowda, Mudgere Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Coffee kharab lands applied for for cultivation may, in cases in which there is no objection from the neighbouring land owners and others, be given to the applicant for the usual upset price of Rs. 10 per acre, instead of being put up for sale by auction as at present. This measure will save much delay in getting the required lands.

Messrs. Crawford and Fowke.—It would be very undesirable to give the lands for an upset price.

It is necessary that they should be sold in order that Government may be able to realize a fair price for the land and that it may not pass into the hands of persons who do not wish to cultivate it.

Reply of Government.—Rule 6 of the rules for the grant of lands for coffee and cinchona cultivation provides for exceptional treatment in cases of hardship and no change is called for.

SUBJECT No. 114.

Ways and water courses in coffee estates.

Mr. B. Sitaramaiya, Chikmagalur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—There are certain pathways and water courses in coffee estates which though not shown in village maps are in use for a long time. In some instances the owners of the estates obstruct these pathways and the water courses and cause great inconvenience and loss to the public and to their neighbours. In such cases, it may be ordered that the Amildar should personally inspect the estates, and promptly dispose of the matter.